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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 13 and 14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/9/05.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

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1. The IDS filed 3/9/05 has been considered. The Korean publications have been considered to the extent possible based on the submitted English abstract.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 13, 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasuoka et al (US PAT. NO. 4,885,766 hereinafter Yasuoka).

As to claim 13, see Yasuoka Figs. 17, 19-20B, col. 15 line 49 to col. 17 lines 45. As clearly shown in Figs. 117, 9-20B, Yasuoka discloses a method for controlling a telephone controlled home appliance system comprising receiving ringing signals (e.g. Fig. 20A step n301), counting the number of rings and set at least one call signal line to an off-hook mode after a predetermined number of rings (e.g. steps n302, n303, n304), receiving a (DTMF) call signal from a calling party when call signal line is set to the off-hook mode (e.g. n305-n309) and controlling at least one home appliance connected with the call signal line in response to the received call signal (e.g. n310), setting an automatic answering unit 303 to a call connection mode earlier than the home appliance when the counted number has reached a second predetermined reference value (e.g. 4, step n315) and setting the home appliance to the call connection mode after the automatic answering unit is operated (e.g. steps n315, A, n316-B, n305, etc.), determining whether the home appliance receives a DTMF signal transmitted from the

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calling party during a predetermined call connection hold time after being set to the call connection mode (e.g. steps A, n319-B, n309, n311, n312, etc.).

As to claim 14, note steps n309, n311n n312 for determining if the elapse time reaches a predetermined call connection hold time and disconnecting the call when the elapse time has been reached.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wing F. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-7493. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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